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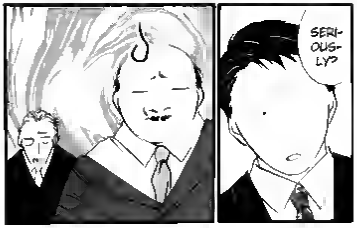
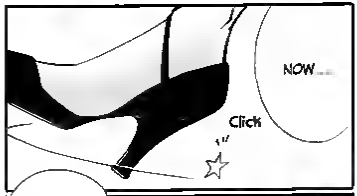
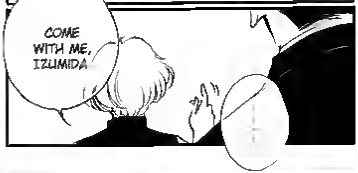
Izumida the Slave
Chapter 23 The Mistress Running Errands

IZUMIDA!
ONE THING'S FOR SURE...
AND THAT IS?
TEXT ON BUILDING READS "MINAGOROSHI" IN KATAKANA
OUR ENEMIES DON'T KNOW KANJI!
Points

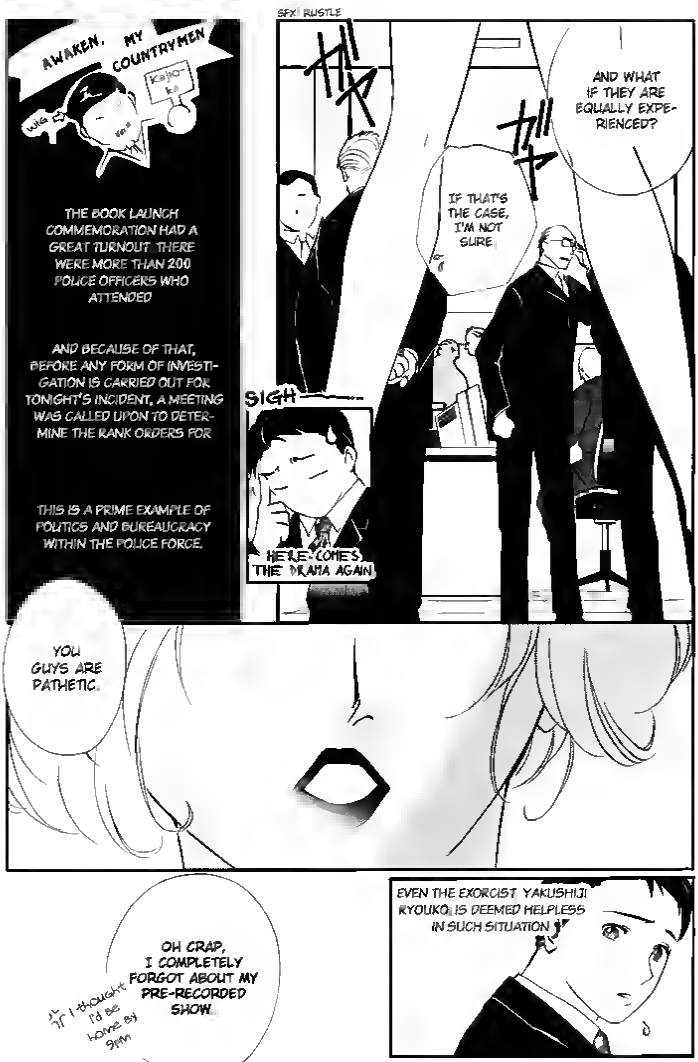
*THE "MINAGOROSHI" FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE MEANS "EVERY-ONE MUST DIE OR MASSACRE" IN ENGLISH. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN WRITTEN IN KANJI (皆殺し) INSTEAD OF KATAKANA (ミナゴロシ)...







CONTROL CENTR
I smell deep trouble ahead
THE ANNOYANCE AND ANXIETY AMONG THE CROWD IS STEADILY RISING
IT'LL BE BASED ON OUR RANKS AND IF TWO OFFICERS HAVE THE SAME RANK.....
HEY, WHO THE HELL'S IN CH,'RGE HERE?
NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR
WE'LL GO BY THE LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE
SFX: CHATTER

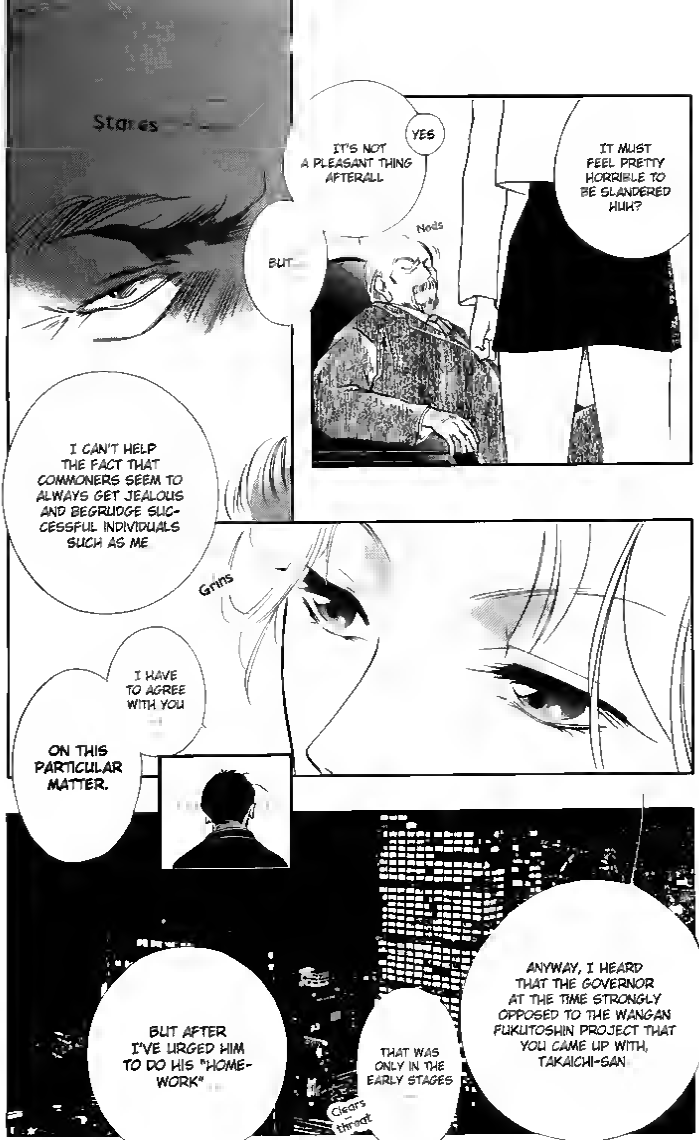

AWAKEN, MY COUNTRYMEN
THE BOOK LAUNCH COMMEMORATION HAD A GREAT TURNOUT. THERE WERE MORE THAN 200 POLICE OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED.
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, BEFORE ANY FORM OF INVESTIGATION IS CARRIED OUT FOR TONIGHT'S INCIDENT, A MEETING WAS CALLED UPON TO DETERMINE THE RANK ORDERS FOR
THIS IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF POLITICS AND BUREAUCRACY WITHIN THE POLICE FORCE.
SFX: RUSTLE
AND WHAT IF THEY ARE EQUALLY EXPERIENCED?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'M NOT SURE.
SIGH——
HERE COMES THE DRAMA AGAIN.
YOU GUYS ARE PATHETIC.
OH CRAP, I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT MY PRE-RECORDED SHOW.
IF I THOUGHT I'D BE HOME BY 9PM
EVEN THE EXORCIST YAKUSHIJI RYOUKO IS DEEMED HELPLESS IN SUCH SITUATION

THIS IS CHAIRMAN TAKAICHI SPEAKING FROM THE CONTROL CENTRE. I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE, CAN I PLEASE HAVE ALL OF YOUR ATTENTION?
A pre-recorded show?
Sigh
THE UNDERGROUND DWELLER...
Gloomy
I WONDER WHO IS THE REAL UNDERGROUND DWELLER AMONG THE FOUR?
Sigh. this guess I've had rotten luck tonight
!!!
Clears throat
HMM
THE UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS TODAY HAVE CAUSED A LOT OF INCONVENIENCE TO ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS.
WE REGRET FOR SUCH SUDDEN INCIDENTS TO HAVE HAPPENED,
BUT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION.
WE'RE WORKING ON STRATEGIES TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS AS WE SPEAK

SO I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL UNDERSTAND AND BE MORE PATIENT
CLEARS THROAT
HMM...
REGARDLESS,
I JUST WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR SAFETY,
IS OUR TOP PRIORITY RIGHT NOW.
FOR SOME REASON
IT FEELS LIKE HIS TONE IS FUELED BY EGO.
Not regret or empathy
WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU WILL REMAIN CALM AND NOT PANIC!
PLEASE UNDERSTAND!
GIVE ALL OF YOUR COOPERATION TO THE OFFICERS ON DUTY
"PLEASE UNDERSTAND" HUH?
HMPH
NOT A SINGLE APOLOGY, NOT EVEN A MENTION THAT HE'D TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SITUATION!

I GUESS I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CLIMB UP THE LADDER ANY FURTHER
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
DISPLEASED
THE FACT IS HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RISE UP THE RANKS IN THE GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY WITHOUT SUCH SURVIVAL SKILLS
AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE HE WANTS US TO BE "UNDERSTANDING". HE'S JUST TRYING TO PUSH HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS!
Bow
Bow
STOP DREAMING ALREADY !!!
Crack
TEXT: MODESTY
YOU'RE JUST BEING "HUMBLE"
ALRIGHT...
SFX: CLICK
HI, WE HAVEN'T MET
MY NAME IS YAKUSHIJI RYOUKO
WHY DON'T WE GO GREET THIS EXCEPTIONAL GENTLEMAN NOW?
Click
EH...?
SUPERINTENDENT?
Spins

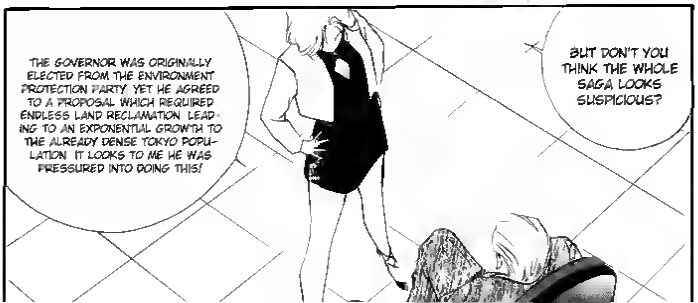
Smirks
I'M SURE YOU MUST BE LIKE A PRECIOUS GEMSTONE TO THE POLICE FORCE
WITH SUCH STRIKING BEAUTY.
OOOH, A LADY! ARE YOU A POLICE OFFICER TOO?
HEH,
IT IS SUCH AN HONOR TO RECEIVE YOUR COMPLIMENTS
AS BEAUTIFUL AS I AM, I DON'T THINK MY BEAUTY CAN EVER BE MENTIONED IN THE SAME BREATH AS THE PRICELESS NIGHT VIEW YOU HAVE HERE AT BAY CITY PLAZA.
Leans back
PURR
YOUR KIND WORDS ARE VERY PLEASANT TO MY EARS
WHEN I WAS STILL THE VICE GOVERNOR, I DEDICATED MY LIFE...
Peeks
INTO THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF WANGAN FUKUTOSHIN.
OH, IS THAT REALLY SO?
SUSPICIOUS
Tap
RUMOURS ALSO SAID THAT YOU WERE AN IMPETUOUS MAN
I KNEW THE MEDIA WAS SLANDERING ME!!


Stares
YES
IT'S NOT A PLEASANT THING AFTERALL
BUT...
Nods
IT MUST FEEL PRETTY HORRIBLE TO BE SLANDERED HUH?
I CAN'T HELP THE FACT THAT COMMONERS SEEM TO ALWAYS GET JEALOUS AND BEGRUDGE SUCCESSFUL INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS ME
Grins
I HAVE TO AGREE WITH YOU
ON THIS PARTICULAR MATTER.
ANYWAY, I HEARD THAT THE GOVERNOR AT THE TIME STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE WANGAN FUKUTOSHIN PROJECT THAT YOU CAME UP WITH, TAKAICHI-SAN.
THAT WAS ONLY IN THE EARLY STAGES
Clears throat
BUT AFTER I'VE URGED HIM TO DO HIS "HOMEWORK"

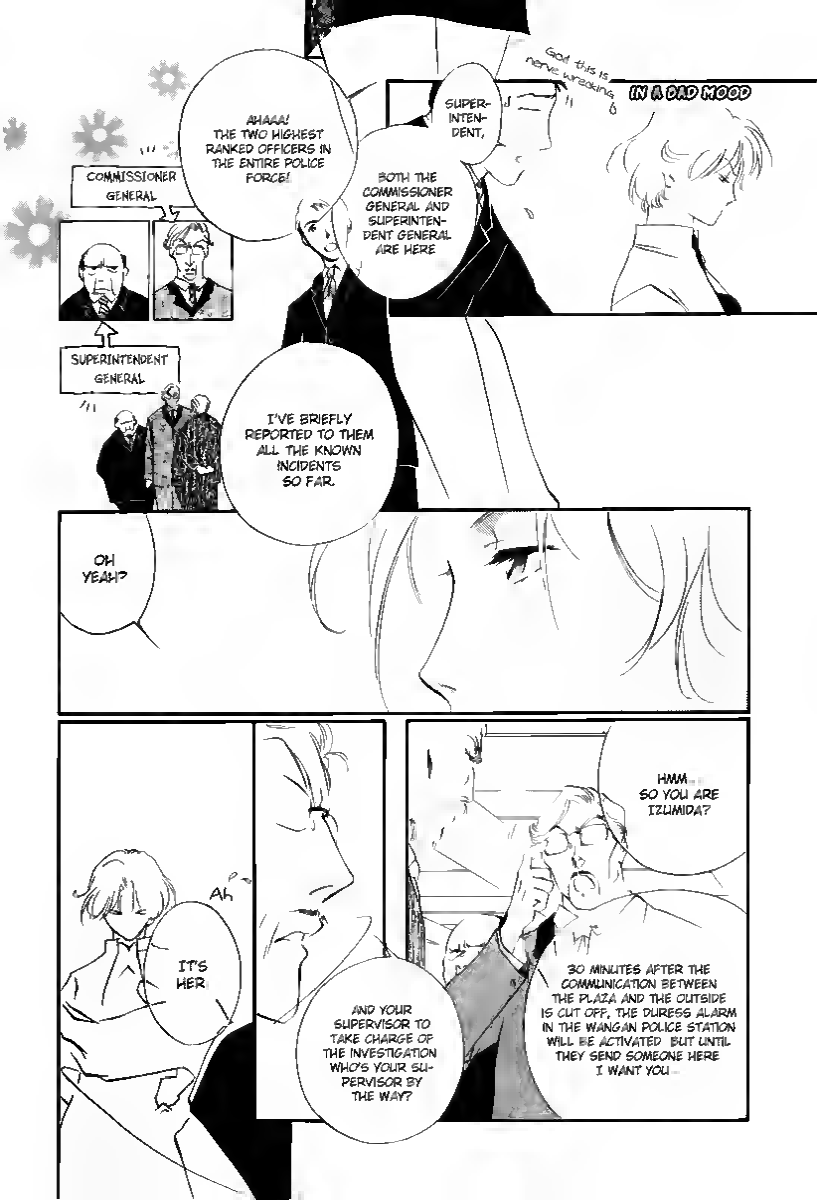
IN OTHER WORDS, IT MEANS THAT HE PRESENTED ONLY INFORMATION WHICH GAVE HIM AN ADVANTAGE, AND THAT COUPLED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PEER PRESSURE, ENSURED THAT EVERYONE ENDED UP AGREEING WITH HIM
THAT'S A VERY COMMON TACTIC USED IN THE GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY TO RALLY SUPPORT
AFTER YOUR INTENSE "GUIDANCE IN HIS HOMEWORK"...
"HOMEWORK" EH?
Drum Drum
HE EVENTUALLY CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT THE PROJECT COMPLETELY.
Rustle
HE WAS HOSPITALISED DUE TO FATIGUE AND HAD TO RESIGN IN THE END.
I FELT SORRY FOR HIM...
BUT...
HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF WANG IN FUKUTOSHIN,
WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED BY OTHERS.
Sniff Sniff
THAT'S NOT THE END OF IT. I ALSO HEARD THAT WHEN HE WAS STILL IN HOSPITAL...
HE SAID, "TAKAICHI, YOU BLOODY CHEATER, I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT!"
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
Twitch

What a disgusting laugh.
HEH
KE KE KE
YOUNG LADY
SO HOW COULD YOU BELIEVE IN THOSE GROUNDLESS MEDIA REPORTS AND RUMOURS?
ALL ALONG, I THOUGHT YOU ARE A GORGEOUS, LOGICAL WOMAN
YOU ARE SO RIGHT!
This part...
I'm just being frank.
WELL, I MEAN THE FIRST PART OF WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID IS SPOT ON!
Cracks

CRACKED TEXT, MODESTY


THE GOVERNOR WAS ORIGINALLY ELECTED FROM THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PARTY YET HE AGREED TO A PROPOSAL WHICH REQUIRED ENDLESS LAND RECLAMATION LEADING TO AN EXPONENTIAL GROWTH TO THE ALREADY DENSE TOKYO POPULATION. IT LOOKS TO ME HE WAS PRESSURED INTO DOING THIS!
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THE WHOLE SAGA LOOKS SUSPICIOUS?

KE KE KE
YOUNG LADY, WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID
IS MERELY THE BARBARIC AND UNJUSTIFIED ARGUMENTS PUT FORWARD BY
KE KE KE
THE SO-CALLED "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONIST"! I DID NOT ORDER ANY DEFORESTATION NOR HAVE I PERFORMED ANY ILLEGAL MINING ON THE HILLSIDE
I MERELY CREATED A NEW LAND OUT OF NOTHING AND INCREASED ITS PURPOSE AND VALUE.
THAT'S WHAT I'VE ACTUALLY DONE.
BUT IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ALL THESE THINGS
YOU'RE JUST AN IGNORANT FOOL INCAPABLE OF APPRECIATING MY VISION AND CONTRIBUTION
Gets up
AND AIN'T THAT DEPRESSING!
Leaves
Salute
Hides


God, this is nerve-wracking
IN A BAD MOOD
SUPER-INTEN-DENT,
BOTH THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL AND SUPERINTEN-DENT GENERAL ARE HERE
AHAAA! THE TWO HIGHEST RANKED OFFICERS IN THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE!
COMMISSIONER GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
I'VE BRIEFLY REPORTED TO THEM ALL THE KNOWN INCIDENTS SO FAR.
OH YEAH?
HMM... SO YOU ARE IZUMIDA?
30 MINUTES AFTER THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PLAZA AND THE OUTSIDE IS CUT OFF, THE DURESS ALARM IN THE WANGAN POLICE STATION WILL BE ACTIVATED. BUT UNTIL THEY SEND SOMEONE HERE I WANT YOU...
AND YOUR SUPERVISOR TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION. WHO'S YOUR SU-PERVISOR BY THE WAY?
Ah
IT'S HER

TEXT IT'S THE EXORCIST!!
UWAHH-HHHHHH
SMILING
I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT
BUT WHICH ONE OF YOU SHOULD I REPORT TO AFTER THAT?
BECAUSE IF RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT DELEGATED APPROPRIATELY,
OUR INVESTIGATION WILL BE COMPROMISED ISN'T THAT SO?
EX...
EX-ACTLY!
SINCE YOU... YOU'RE WORKING FOR THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT*...
@!!!
*TN: THE MPD IS UNDER DIRECT COMMAND OF THE SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL, NOT THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL.
Thump
YAKUSHIJI RYOUKO!
WHY DON'T YOU START YOUR INVESTIGATION ALREADY INSTEAD OF WASTING YOUR TIME HERE BLABBERING NONSENSE

SFX: MENACE
ANGER LEVEL: MAX
DUE TO ARRIVAL OF THE MONGOOSE*
YOU REALLY SHOULD HAVE CONCLUDED BY NOW IF THE INCIDENTS TODAY WERE MERE ACCIDENTS OR CRIMES. NO?
*TN: THE AUTHOR LIKENED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RYOUKO AND YUKIKO TO THAT OF A COBRA AND MONGOOSE - ARCH NEMESES
AHAAA
Flinch
LOOK WHO'S HERE OUR VERY OWN "TOURING ACTRESS" OYUKI!
BACK WHEN RYOUKO WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK IN FRANCE YUKIKO SERVED AT THE CABINET INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME SHE WAS ALSO A DEPUTY MAYOR IN A SMALL TOWN OUTSIDE OF TOKYO.
*TN: MY APOLOGIES. I MISTRANSLATED IT AS "PUBLIC SECURITY INTELLIGENCE BUREAU" IN CHAPTER 0.
SFX: THREATENING
THAT'S WHY RYOUKO NICK-NAMED HER "THE TOURING ACTRESS," OYUKI.

WHY ARE YOU STILL SINGLE HUH?
UNLIKE YOU MY WORKLOAD IS HUGE I'M SO BUSY THAT I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR A BOY-FRIEND
BUT WHY
SFX FLINCH
UNFORTUNATELY, MY BEAUTY IS MY BIGGEST HANDICAP. IT MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO FIND A QUALIFIED SUITOR OUT THERE
twitch
BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT ME!
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND I DO HAVE A FEW SLAVES AND PETS AT MY COMMAND
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HOW COULD YOU COMPARE YOUR IMPORTANT ASSISTANT TO A SLAVE?!
Me?
I know I'm her slave, but I'm her part-time slave too now?
SFX THUMP
WAH, IT'S SUCH AN HONOUR TO BE ADDRESSED AS AN "IMPORTANT ASSISTANT"!

SMILING HAPPILY
I'M SUCH A LUCKY GUY!
To have such an understanding supervisor
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SECURITY BUREAU COUNSELOR'S PERSONAL ESCORT RANKED ASSISTANT POLICE INSPECTOR
KISHIMOTO AKIRA
He might not look like it, but he's a "career"
IN OTHER WORDS HE'S MUROMACHI YUKIKO'S SUBORDINATE.
Glare
Pfft
NOT BAD AT ALL YOU HAVE A WILLING AND OBEDIENT PUPPY FOLLOWING YOU AROUND.
Bow
Yo!
HELLO, IZUMIDA-SENPAI.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
THE FLOOR PLAN OF THE PLAZA AND A LIST OF RESIDENTS IN HERE.
AHH HH
Nothing unusual here
Moves closer
Sigh
EHHH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IZUMIDA-SENPAI DOESN'T KNOW WHO SHE IS!
SHE'S ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS IDOLS TODAY!
WHO'S THAT?
STARES
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HAYAMA ERI IS A RESIDENT OF THE APARTMENTS HERE!
WAHH
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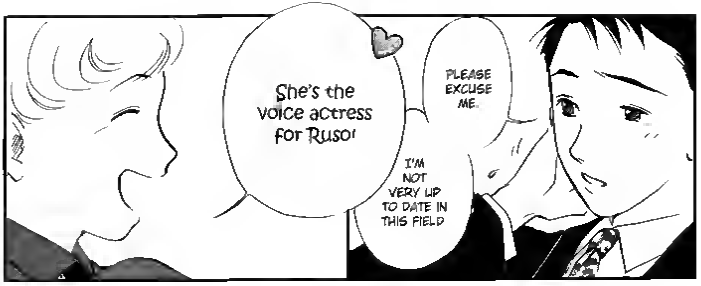


FRIDAY NIGHTS 7PM ON SAKURA TV,

FROM IT'S MOST POPULAR ANIME SERIES "SEXY ONE-PIECE WARRIOR RUSO", SHE'S THE VOICE ACTRESS OF THE MAIN CHARACTER!

SFX: DIZZY

SFX: COVERS

HOSHIMATSURI RUSO IS A HIGH SCHOOL 2ND YEAR STUDENT AND A RISING STAR IN GYMNASTICS. ONE DAY, SHE RECEIVED SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT FROM HERA THE GODDESS.

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS THINK THAT THE REST OF THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND YOU?
EHHH?
HONESTLY, I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY
GOD!
They're going way off topic over there as well. This is ridiculous.
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS NOW.
THAT'S ENOUGH
BUT I DO THINK
SPEAKING MATTER-OF-FACTLY
THAT THE POLICE FORCE PUBLIC AUTHORITY EXISTS BECAUSE OF ME.
HEH
ホホホホホ
SFX HOHOHOHOHO
ホホホ
Escapes
Time to sneak away

WHAT'S THE SITUATION LIKE AT THE STATION?
Is this the floor plan?
THERE'S A BAY CITY PLAZA STATION FOR THE MONORAILS UNDERGROUND.
That's all
CARS AND UNMANNED MONORAILS HAVE DIRECT ACCESS INTO THE UNDERGROUND OF THE PLAZA.
YES.
Got caught
DO YOU HAVE THE PLAZA'S TRAFFIC REPORT ALREADY?
HEY, IZUMIDA!
SFX: FREEZES
I HOPE A COMMOTION HASN'T STARTED ALREADY?
THE ROLLER GATES NEAR THE TICKET VALIDATION MACHINES HAVE BEEN SHUT AS WELL. JUST BEFORE THAT, ABOUT 200 PASSENGERS EXITED THE MONORAIL.
WOW, I'M SO ENVIOUS OF YOU TO HAVE "TWO FLOWERS" AT YOUR HANDS MR. ASSISTANT INSPECTOR

IGNORES
IGNORES
FROM MY UNDERSTANDING IT HAS BEEN CENTRALISED AND THIS IS THE CONTROL ROOM AM I RIGHT?
yes yes
I guess they're blowers but
THIS ENTIRE BUILDING
HAS A COMPUTERISED SECURITY SYSTEM
WHAT KIND OF SICK JOKE IS THAT?
BLOODY OLD MAN!
WE ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 10,000 PEOPLE
I'M THE CHAIRMAN*, NOT PRESIDENT!
I'M GUESSING THAT BY NOW, YOU SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED IN THIS BUILDING, MR PRESIDENT?
SCATTERED AROUND RESTAURANTS APARTMENTS PARTY VENUES AND STORES
UWA HHH
BECAUSE NORMALLY, WE HAVE A BIGGER CROWD LATER IN THE EVENING
BUSINESS HOUR ENDS AT 9PM SHARP
WHAT? ARE THE BUSINESSES STILL OPERATING AT THIS HOUR?

*TN: TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OUTRANKS THE PRESIDENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE PRESIDENT ANSWERS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

WHO ON EARTH IS MAKING THIS KINDA SICK JOKE?!
DO THEY REALLY THINK WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY?
THE...
THE...
THE COMPUTER BOOTED UP BY ITSELF!
Don't you all understand yet?
Every single one of you in here must die!
Hmm...?
CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE
It's ridiculous
IT LOOKS TO ME TODAY'S INCIDENTS ARE DUE TO A MALFUNCTION IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM!
EVERYONE, PLEASE CALM DOWN.
YUKIKO,
IF THAT IS SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BRONZE LION STATUE?

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE RIVALS SOMETIMES YUKIKO WILL STILL AGREE WITH KYOUKO.
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY THE COMPUTER SYSTEM.
Tapping the statue
HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT
THE PATROL CARS ARE HERE!
THERE ARE THREE OF THEM!
SFX SIREN WAILING
SFX CLICK
LET'S GO UPSTAIRS
SFX CHATTER
THAT'S GREAT NEWS!
AHHH, DEFINITELY!
FINALLY, WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME HELP!

KYAA AAAAA AA!!
SUPER-INTENDENT MUROMACHI, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SIGH
IT MUST BE HARD WORKING UNDER RYOUKO.
Click
Click
YE- YES
WHAT?
THE PATROL CARS ARE HOVERING IN THE AIR!
FLOATS
WHAT IS GOING ON? EVEN THE CONCRETE DECORATIONS IN THE COURTYARD ARE FLOATING TOO!!

SFX SLAM
SFX KA BOOOOOOM
SFX. SWING
WHAT HAP-PENED?
HOW DID ALL THE HEAVY OBJECTS LIFT OFF THE GROUND AND...
OH DEAR, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?
ARE THEY GOING TO SEND IN MORE AID?
WHAT'S THE SITUA-TION?
ALL THE PATROL CARS HAVE BLOWN UP.
SFX: BURNING

IT LOOKS LIKE THE STRING OF EVENTS WILL GREATLY AFFECT THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL'S CAREER
Possibly in a bad way
HE WAS THINKING HE'D PROBABLY BECOME THE LONGEST SERVING SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL EVER.
GLOATING AT OTHERS MISFORTUNE...
INSTINCT!!
ANYWAY, THIS IS NOT THE END OF THINGS
That I'm sure of
HUH?
This is not the end!
IZUMIDA, GO TAKE A LOOK UPSTAIRS AND REPORT BACK TO ME.
Okay sorry now
Pant
SFX WAHHHHHHH
See, I'm right
THE CARS IN THE BASEMENT CARPARK...
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN OVERTURNED.
AND... SOME OF THEM ARE EVEN BURNING!

SFX SPURT
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
SFX PSSSSSSSST
COULD THIS BE A TERRORIST ATTACK?
INCIDENTS ARE HAPPENING ONE AFTER ANOTHER...
HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?
Whisper
LUCKILY THE WATER SPRINKLERS ARE STILL WORKING
AAAH HHHH
WHAT CRASHED?
IT... IT CRASHED!
THE ELEVATOR

SFX CHAOS
Pupp
Pupp
Pupp Pupp
SUPER-INTEN-DENT...
3RD FLOOR BASE-MENT
THE CROWD UPSTAIRS IS IN PANIC MODE
BUT HOW DID THAT HAPPEN ?!
IT'S ELEVATOR B IN THE DEPART-MENTAL STORE
I THINK THE ELEVATOR CABLES HAVE BEEN SEVERED
WHICH FLOOR HAS IT CRASHED INTO?
Pupp
Pupp
THE EXPLOSION OF THE PATROL CARS EARLIER HAS NOT DAMAGED THE SECU-RITY WALL AT THE ENTRANCE
the specially treated aluminium alloy is very tough, indeed
Pupp
THE VICTIM TRAPPED UNDER THE CHANDELIER HAS BEEN MOVED TO SAFETY AND IS RECEIVING TREAT-MENT...
NEXT
GO TAKE A LOOK AT THE 3RD FLOOR BASEMENT NOW
EH?
But why me again?
YES!
Seriously
Seriously
THIS IS DISGRACEFUL TO THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE...
Something as terrible as this is happening even at the presence of so many high ranked police officers
HMM
WHY NOT JUST ARREST ONE OF THE
EXTREMISTS THAT THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU HAS BEEN INTENSELY WATCHING AS A SMOKESCREEN TO DIVERT THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC'S ATTEN-TION AND ONCE THINGS HAVE CALMED DOWN A LITTLE, WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME TO FIND THE REAL CRIMINALS

SUPER-INTENDENT YAKUSHIJI!
HOW DARE YOU CHALLENGE THE LAW AND CONSTITU-TION WHEN YOU'RE A POLICE OFFICER YOURSELF?!
ACTUALLY, I WOULD NEVER MAKE A POLICE OFFICER AT THE FIRST PLACE IF I WAS AFRAID OF CHALLENGING IT.
WHAT WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
EVER SINCE WE MET, I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU'RE AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND INSENSIBLE PERSON BUT IT BAFFLES ME THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY WORSE THAN WHAT I THOUGHT
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND
SFX POINTS
Oh
Do tell?
IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE HONOUR OF THE POLICE FORCE, THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY,
AND ALSO MY OWN PRINCI-PLES...
YAKUSHIJI RYOUKO!

That'll be awesome if it was true
BANISH YOU FROM THE POLICE FORCE!!
I SWEAR TO GOD THAT I'M GOING TO, AND I WILL...
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE OUR UNIVERSITY DAYS, AND SHALL I ADD THAT IT ISN'T MY WILL, I'VE ONLY JUST REALISED TODAY THAT YOU HAVE THE ODD HABIT OF BLUFFING YOUR WAY THROUGH LIFE.
OH DEAR...
Shudder
I SUGGEST THAT YOU GET WED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
HMM...
THE REASON WHY YOU'RE ACTING THE WAY YOU ARE IS DUE TO YOUR LACKLUSTRE SEX LIFE WHICH LEADS TO A SEVERE HORMONAL IMBALANCE IN YOUR BODY!
Evil grin

SFX: FUMING
Wiggle
WHAT PERFECT TIMING!
Puff
SUPER-INTEND-ENT
Puff
Puff
Hmph
SFX: FUME
WHAT ...
WHAT THE FUCK DID YOU SAY?
LET'S GO, IZUMIDA
step
Puff
EHH #?
Puff
Puff
Click
Click
I'M TIRED OF PLAYING GAMES WITH THE SELF-PROCLAIMED "JUSTICE DEFENDER"
Getting mad isn't good for your beauty
Please calm down
PANIC
Click
Click
SHAKY SHAKY
God I'm so tausted
Click
THE FACT THAT THE PATROL CARS HAVE ALSO BEEN DESTROYED
MEANS THAT THE SKYSCRAPER IS NOW TRULY IN AN ISOLATED, HELP-LESS STATE

Click
SO WHAT DID YOU FIND?
Click
YOUR REPORT FOR THE ELEVATOR INCIDENT?
Huh?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
IT WAS A DISASTER! INSIDE THE ELEVATOR, WHICH HAS A MAXIMUM LOAD OF 40 PEOPLE
THERE WAS AN OVERWHELMING BLOOD STENCH. THE ELEVATOR FLOOR, ROOF AND WALLS WERE ALL BATHED IN FRESH BLOOD.
Click
Click
IS THAT SO?
BUT NO EXPLOSION WAS HEARD AT ALL BEFORE THE ELEVATOR CRASHED!
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE ELEVATOR CABLES TO BE SEVERED WITHOUT ANY EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL
step
Click
BUT...
THE BRONZE STATUE DOESN'T HAVE A BEATING HEART. IT CAN'T MOVE EVEN IF IT WANTS TO
WELL, DUH
AH, "HE" IS STILL SLEEPING

SFX: STRETCH
BA-DUMP
WHO IS SHE?
SHE'S A KEEPER!!
Tap
HMM
Clicks
IS SHE A MODEL?
LET ME TAKE A SNAP!
HOW DID IT GET TOPPLED OVER THEN?
something must have stimulated its movement?
SUPER...
SUPER-INTEN-DENT!!
WATCH OUT THAT'S DANGEROUS!!
WHAT I REALLY MEANT TO SAY WAS "WATCH OUT OR YOU'LL FLASH YOUR UNDERWEAR."

Reach
OI IZUMIDA!
I DON'T SEE ANY-THING..
Then hurry the fuck down!
Chatter
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING ELSE UP THERE?
Chatter
Move!
NOT AT ALL
SHE HAS THE ELEGANCE OF A GODDESS AND THE RIGHTEOUS-NESS OF A FEMALE GENERAL...
IF ONLY SHE WOULD NEVER OPEN HER MOUTH TO SPEAK..
WHAT?
I'LL NEED YOUR BACK, IN THAT CASE
FINE
Before I piece of your flesh is missing
HURRY UP JUST COME DOWN AL-READY!

THANK YOU
I'M COMING DOWN AS YOU SUGGESTED
Removes
IT'S ALSO DANGEROUS WHEN GETTING DOWN...
YES...
Sch, what!
someone saw me in this compromised position...
LET'S SEE...
glances
AHH HHHH! NOOO OO!!
WHAT... WHAT IS IT?
IT'S ALREADY PAST 9 O'CLOCK!!

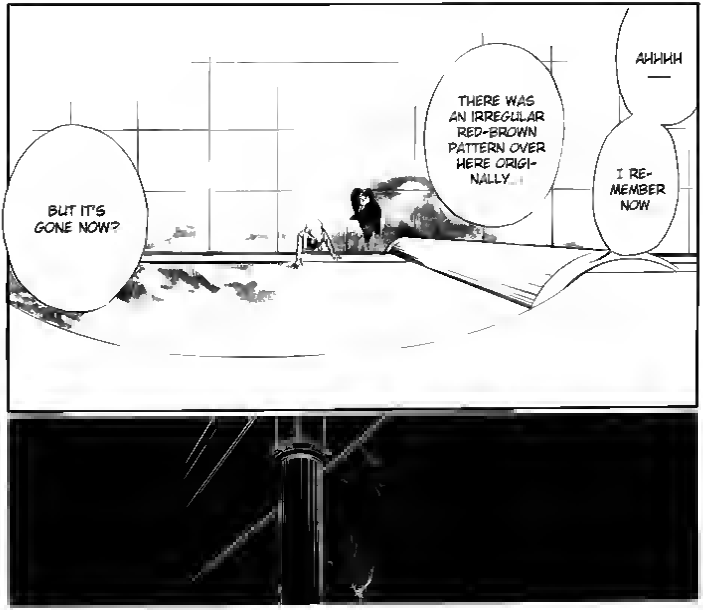
THAT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY
Glares
DON'T WORRY, I'M SURE THERE WILL BE A REPEAT BROADCAST.
AND THE LAST EPISODE IS AIRING TONIGHT.
THE SHOW "MYSTERIOUS THURSDAY THE 14TH" HAS ALREADY STARTED!
OH I SEE
Because honestly
IT IS QUITE A STUPID SHOW, IN FACT...
I' AM PROBABLY THE SHOW'S ONLY VIEWER.
What means that the viewer rating would drop to 0 tonight
click
click
click
AHHH, I WONDER WHO'S THE REAL UNDERGROUND DWELLER AMONG THOSE FOUR
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT, JUST GO INTO ONE OF THE RESTAU-RANTS AND TURN ON THE TV.
SFX: STOMP
Step
WELL THEN...
SHALL I LISTEN TO YOU?
AHHHHHHHHH, SHE CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

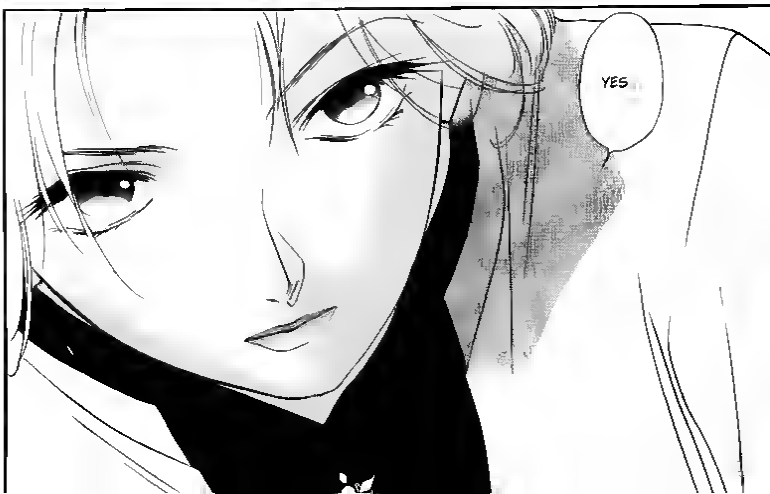
AH
I THINK
I THINK THAT RIGHT NOW...
OUR...
OUR PRIORITY IS THE INVESTIGATION, NOT THE TV SHOW
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I WAS ASKING ABOUT THE INCIDENTS TONIGHT!
WHICH TYPE OF CRIMINALS DO YOU THINK WE ARE DEALING WITH?
AH,
OHH... THE TYPE OF CRIMINALS...
WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A TERRORIST ATTACK AFTER FAILING TO OBTAIN A RANSOM?
I THINK THAT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY
OR POSSIBLY INDIVIDUALS WHO HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST THE BAY CITY PLAZA OWNER?
FOR GUILTY PLEASURE PERHAPS?
YOU THINK?

Tut Tut
BECAUSE IF SUCH A THREAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BEFOREHAND,
NEITHER THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL NOR THE SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL WOULD TURN UP HERE TODAY
FULL OF CONFIDENCE
Okay.
AND YOUR REASONING?
SFX: HOLDS UP
YOU ARE TOO STRICT.
35 MARKS.
CAN'T BE ANY HIGHER.
Am I getting lectured again?
35 MARKS OUT OF 50
Happy now?
Yes!
AND THE REASON MY MARKS GOT DEDUCTED?

SFX: HEART THUMP
TUGS
YOU FORGOT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH THREAT HASN'T BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE
THINK ABOUT IT, IF BAY CITY PLAZA REALLY DID RECEIVE SUCH A THREAT AND THE MANAGEMENT WANTED TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE INTERNALLY, THE CHANCES THAT THEY KEEP THIS TO THEMSELVES ARE VERY HIGH.
HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT
CLICK
Tighten
Spins
TOO BAD WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO FIND OUT ANYTHING FROM TAKAICHI WHEN I INTERVIEWED HIM EARLIER
THAT BLOODY OLD MAN IS HARD TO CRACK OPEN...
GAHHHH!

IT'S GONE
WHAT IS IT?
Stares
I THINK IT WAS RIGHT HERE EARLIER?
BUT "IT'S" MISSING NOW
WHAT IS?
RIGHT HERE ON THIS FEATURE WALL...
MADE OF MARBLE...


AHHHH
I RE-MEMBER NOW
THERE WAS AN IRREGULAR RED-BROWN PATTERN OVER HERE ORIGI-NALLY
BUT IT'S GONE NOW?


YES